



All-Liaison Meeting COMMBUYS Ph II Overview and Issues Update





Agenda



Walkthrough of COMMBUYS Phase II Functional Changes

- COMMBUYS Purchase Order (PO) approval linked to MMARS encumbering
- Receiving orders in COMMBUYS
- COMMBUYS Invoice approval linked to MMARS payment
- Reminder: Mapping Roles to Process

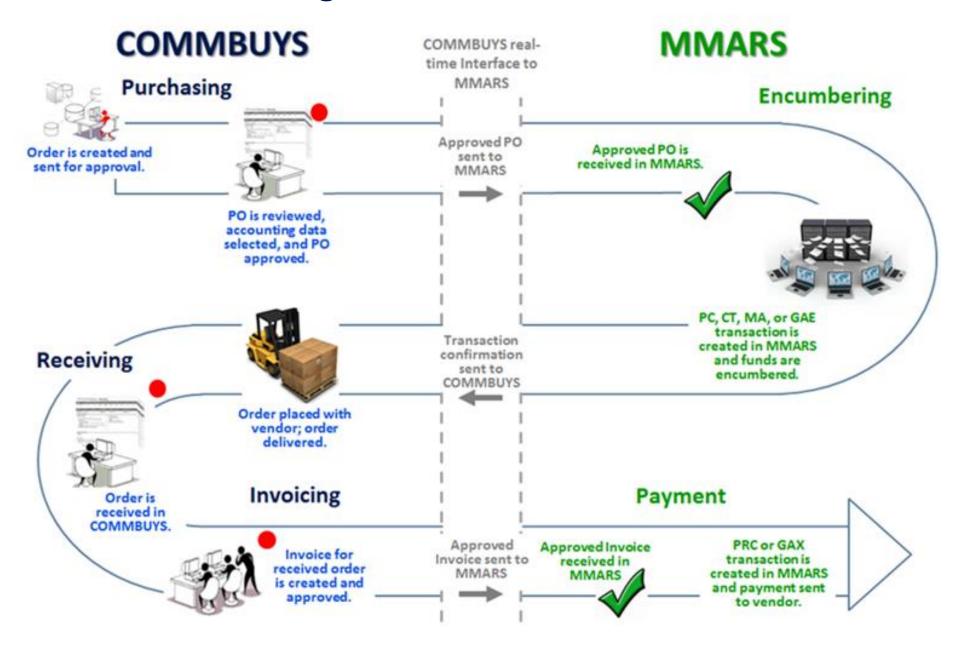
Updates on Other Functions

Review and status updates on open issues/questions

Readiness Updates

- Training program and calendar
- Liaison meeting calendar
- Liaison resources

Understanding Phase II Features and Functions





Phase II Functional Changes



Overview

Goal: Demonstrate the COMMBUYS document workflow from requisition through ready for payment using a simple purchasing scenario.

Scenario: Place an order for cups of different types and sizes. The order is a **Direct Release off of** a statewide contract (MBPO).

- 3 cases of 5oz. cold cups
- 3 cases of 7oz. cold cups
- 1 case of 8oz foam cups

We will demonstrate:

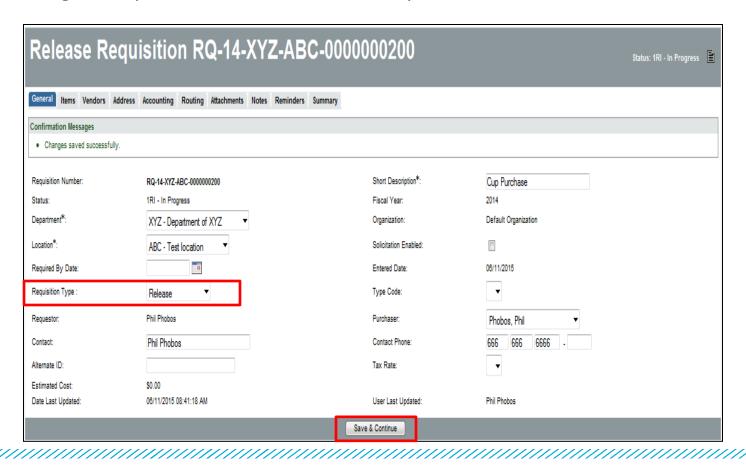
- Order through Approval
- Creating the receipt (receiving)
- Creating an Invoice





Requisition

We begin our purchase with a Release Requisition.

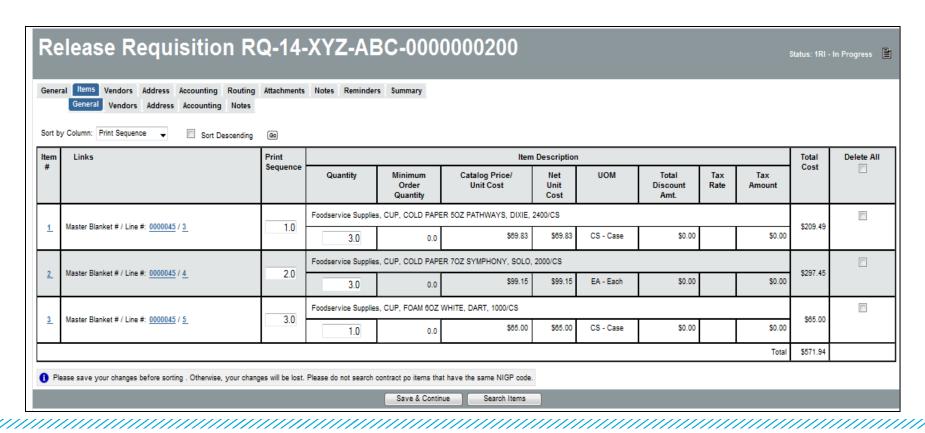






Requisition

On the **Items** tab of the Requisition, we search, locate and add the items to our requisition.





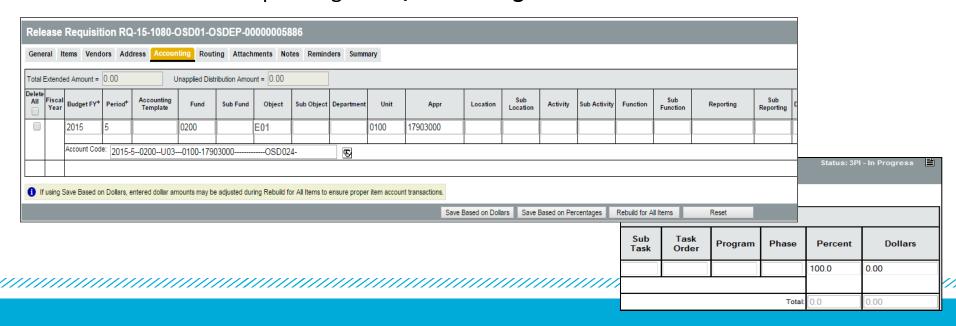


Accounting Detail

The **Accounting** tab is used to enter the correct accounting information.

- Any Information entered on this tab will be applied to all items in the order
- The Accounting tab contains all the necessary chart of account fields
- Data available for selection will be the data for your organization

If the accounting information is different for any items, that information must be entered on the corresponding **Items/Accounting** subtab.



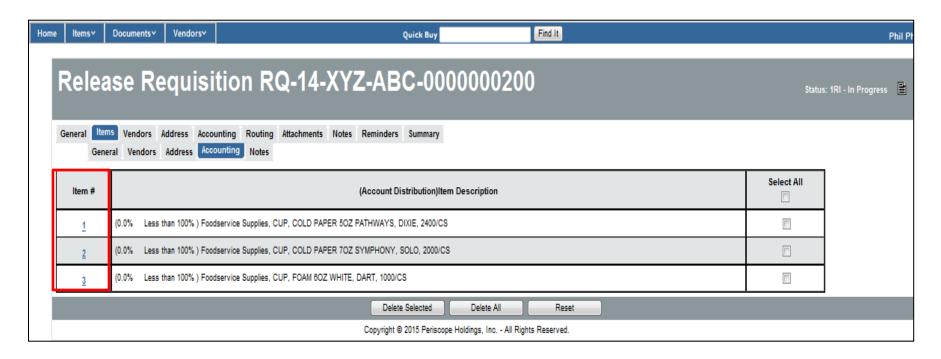




Accounting Detail

The Items/Accounting subtab lists all the items on the requisition.

To change the accounting information for an item, click on the blue hyperlink in the "Item #" column.

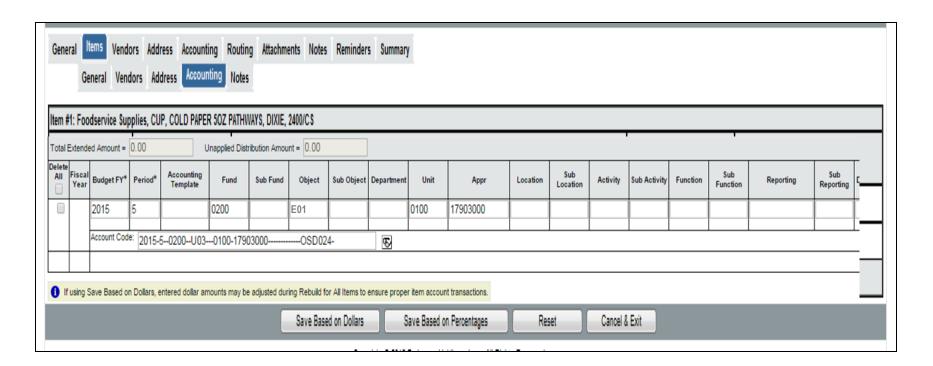






Accounting Detail

On the Items/Accounting tab, the accounting detail can be entered for the item.







Requisition Approval

Once accounting information is complete on the Requisition, click "Submit for Approval" to advance it to the approval process.

| Recommended Vendor: | 00000030 - The Grocery Warehouse Gerry Grocery 1 Main street boston, MA 02138 US Email: gro@aol.com Phone: (868)868-8668 |
|--|--|
| | |
| Submit for Approval Cancel Requisition Clone Requisition Print | |
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Requisition Approval

While an order might require more than one approval, the final approver for the transaction to proceed successfully must have appropriate MMARS encumbrance permissions.

In this example, the final approver is Laura Mars. Laura is a COMMBUYS approver with the appropriate MMARS permissions who has been added to the "MMARS Encumbrance" approval nath

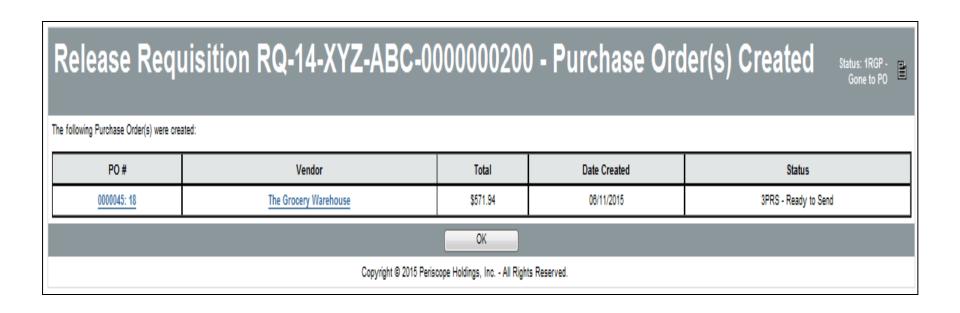
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Purchase Order Creation

After approval, the Requisition becomes a **Purchase Order**. The order is sent to the vendor and awaits receiving.







Overview

With a three-way match, you need to **Receive** in order to **Pay**. Once a Purchase Order is sent, the Receiving functionality is enabled for that PO.

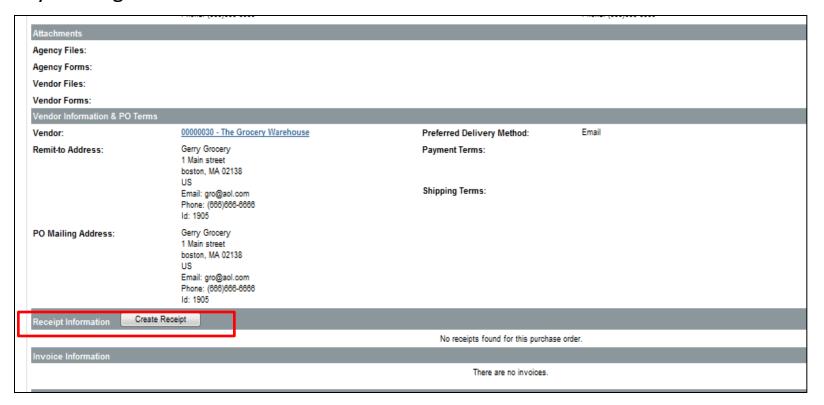
- Let's assume our cups have arrived, and the responsible party has checked them in and has the packing slip.
- Continue to follow procedures as you do today to physically receive goods or services. The only difference now is that you will record the data in COMMBUYS, creating an electronic receipt.
- The Receipt can be created directly from a sent PO or created from the document dropdown.
- We will explain 2 different receipt scenarios:
 - ✓ a complete, full receipt and
 - ✓ a partial receipt.





Creating a Receipt (Three-Way Match Example)

A PO in a "sent" status has a "Create Receipt" button. A **Receipt** can be started by clicking this button.

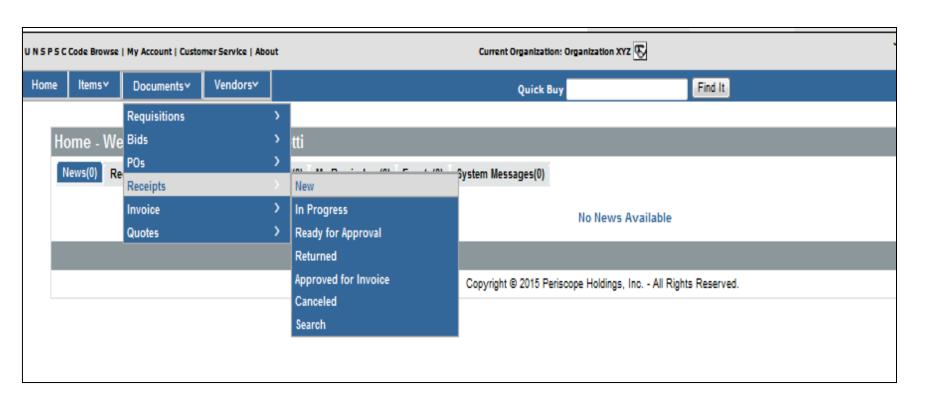






Creating a Receipt

We will create our **Receipt** from the documents dropdown menu.

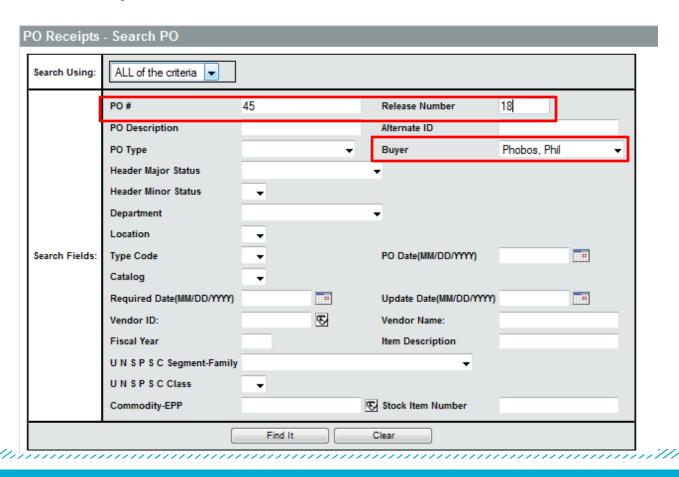






Creating a Receipt

To create the **Receipt**, we need to locate the PO.

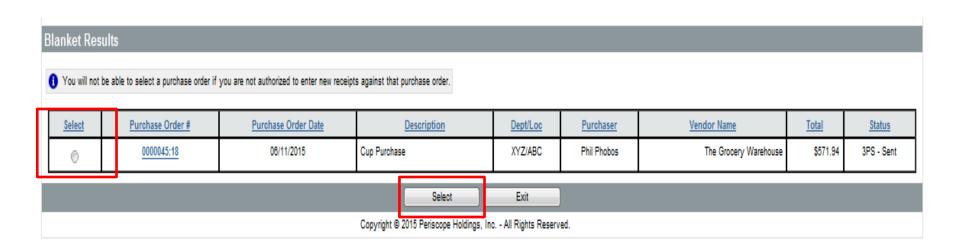






Creating a Receipt

Once you locate the PO, select it.

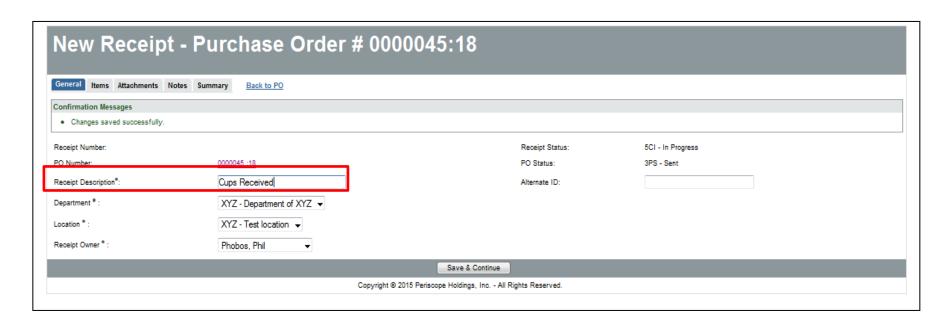






Receipt Details

Enter the receipt information.







Creating a Receipt

A list of all the items on the PO displays. For this scenario, we will receive all items.

| O Item # | | | | | | | Item Description | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| | Receipt Method | Catalog Price/ Unit Cost | UOM | Ordered Quantity/Dollars | Received Quantity Receipt Total(PO R Total) | | Returned Quantity/Dolla Receipt Total(PO R Total) | | Canceled Quantity Receipt Total(PO R Total) | eceipts | Net Received Quantity/Dollars Receipt Total(PO Receipts Total) | Remaining Quantity/Dollars | | | | | |
| 1 | Foodservice Suppli | es, CUP, COLD PA | APER 50Z PA | ATHWAYS, DIXIE, 24 | 00/CS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Quantity | \$69.83 | CS - Case | 3.0 | Received Qty: Qty Adj: | 0.0(0.0) | Returned Qty: Qty Adj: | 0.0(0.0) | Canceled Qty: Qty Qty: | 0.0(0.0) | 0.0(0.0) | 3.0 | Add Recei | | | | |
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| 2 | Foodservice Supplies, CUP, COLD PAPER 70Z SYMPHONY, SOLO, 2000/CS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Quantity | \$99.15 | EA - Each | 3.0 | Received Qty: Qty Adj: | 0.0(0.0) 0.0(0.0) | Returned Qty: Qty Adj: | 0.0(0.0) 0.0(0.0) | Canceled Qty: Qty Qty: | 0.0(0.0) 0.0(0.0) | 0.0(0.0) | 3.0 | Add Rece | | | | |
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| 3 | Foodservice Suppli | es, CUP, FOAM 60 | OZ WHITE, D | ART, 1000/CS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Quantity | \$85.00 | CS - Case | 1.0 | Received Qty: Qty Adj: | 0.0(0.0) 0.0(0.0) | Returned Qty: Qty Adj: | 0.0(0.0) 0.0(0.0) | Canceled Qty: Qty Qty: | 0.0(0.0) 0.0(0.0) | 0.0(0.0) | 1.0 | Add Recei | | | | |
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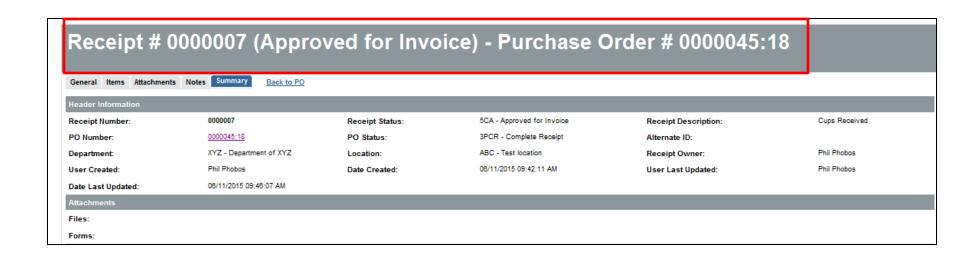
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Once approved the receipt goes to **Approved for Invoice** status.







Partial Receipt

Sometimes we don't receive everything ordered in the same shipment.

In this scenario, we only received 2 cases of the 5 ounce cups.

To record a partial receipt, click the "Add Receiving" button to the right of the item.

| | | | | | | | Description | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|--|-----------|--|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------|
| | Receipt Method | Catalog Price/ Unit Cost | UOM | Ordered Quantity/Dollars | Received Quantity Receipt Total(PO F Total) | | Returned Quantity/Dolla Receipt Total(PO R Total) | | Canceled Quantity Receipt Total(PO R Total) | eceipts | Net Received Quantity/Dollars Receipt Total(PO Receipts Total) | Remaining Quantity/Dollars | |
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| 2 | Foodservice Suppli | es, CUP, COLD PA | APER 70Z S | YMPHONY, SOLO, 20 | 000/CS | | | | | | | | |
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| 3 | Foodservice Suppli | es, CUP, FOAM 60 | Z WHITE, D | ART, 1000/CS | | | | | | | | | |
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Partial Receipt

The item opens up. Note the "Receipt Item Receiving/Return Details" area of the screen. We enter "2" in our quantity, add comments, then save.

| PO Ite | n #· | | 1 | Receipt | Item #: | | 1 | | PO Item | Statue: | 3PS - Sent | |
|--------|------------|---------------|--|---|--|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---|--------------------|
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Partial Receipt

We now see we have 2 items received and 1 remaining.

We can still go to Invoice, but partial receiving will provide added control to ensure that purchasers only pay for what they have received.





Overview

Once items are received, the items are in "complete receipt" status and are ready for invoicing.

- Invoice **preparers** must be set up as **Accounts Payable (AP)users** in COMMBUYS. Individuals in this role do not have to be MMARS users.
- An Invoice approver and payer must have an Accounts Payable (AP) **Supervisor** role in COMMBUYS and have the AP role in MMARS.
- Accounts Payable supervisors must have MMARS payment permissions that enable them to create PRC and GAX transactions and process them to final.



Creating an Invoice

The AP User begins the new **Invoice** from the Documents menu.

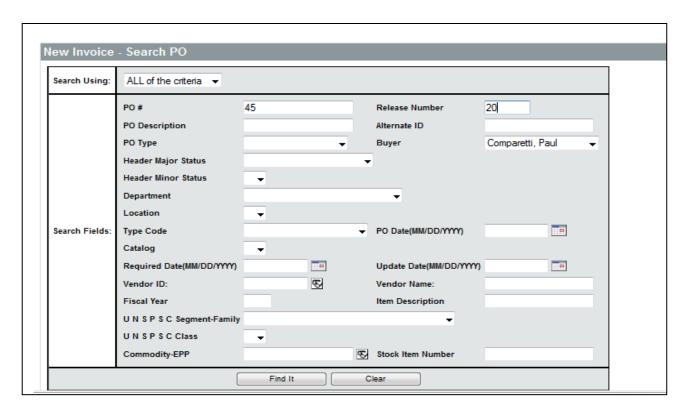






Creating an Invoice

From the search screen we locate the PO.

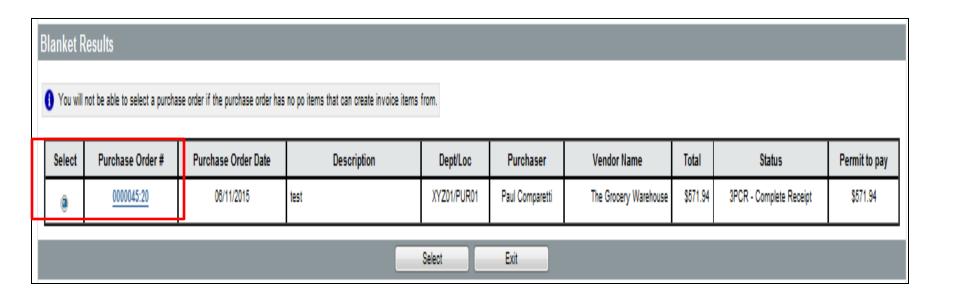






Creating an Invoice

A list of received POs displays. Select the Purchase Order for which you would like to create an Invoice.

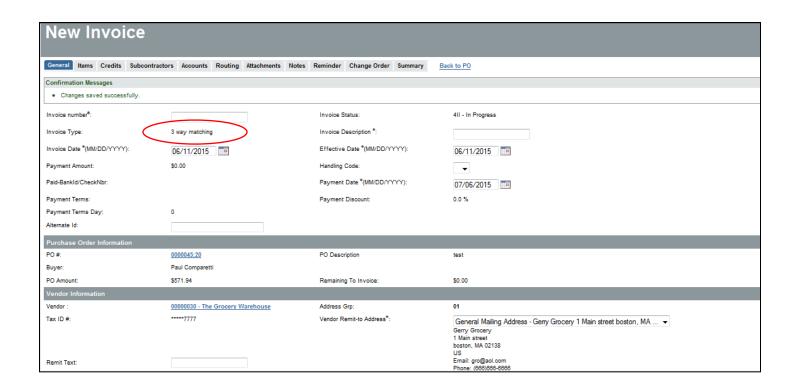






Creating an Invoice

The **New Invoice** screen displays. The invoice screen contains tabs for entry, just like all other COMMBUYS documents.



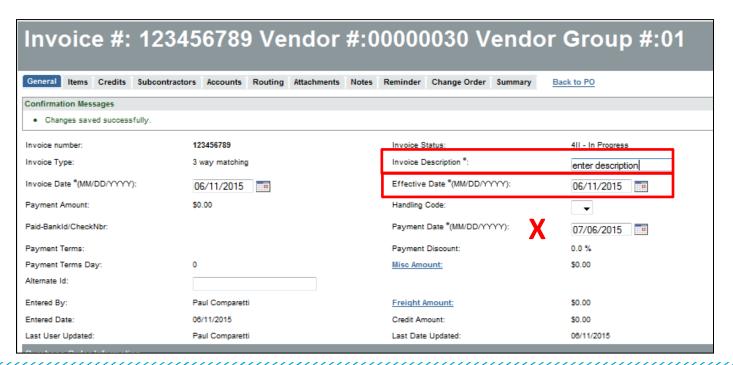




Creating an Invoice

On the **General** tab, complete the required fields. Note that there is an "Invoice Description" field, an "Effective Date" field, and a "Payment Date" field.

- The actual payment date is not reflected on the COMMBUYS invoice screen.
- The contract terms set up in MMARS drive the vendor payment.



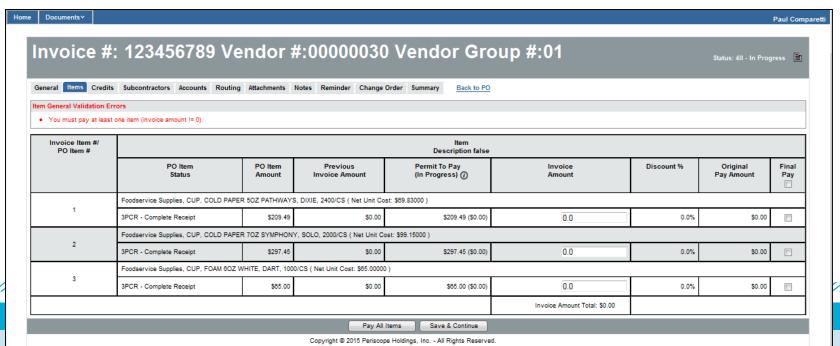




Creating an Invoice

On the **Items** tab, enter the invoice amount for each item.

- Select either "Pay All Items" if the Permit to Pay amount equals the amount on the vendor's invoice for each item, or enter specific amounts for each item and click "Save and Continue" if the amounts are different than the Permit to Pay
 - ✓ "Save and Continue" will save any entered data and keep you on the same screen.
 - ✓ "Pay All Items" will set the entered invoice amount for each item to Permit to Pay. The Invoice will then be ready to submit for approval.
- NOTE: The "Final Pay" indicator is internal to COMMBUYS. It will close out COMMBUYS activity for the
 encumbered PO but will not go over as the final pay indicator to MMARS.

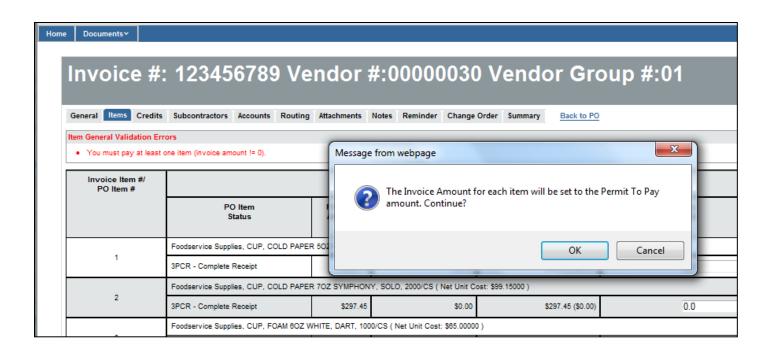






Creating an Invoice

This Invoice Amount message will display.



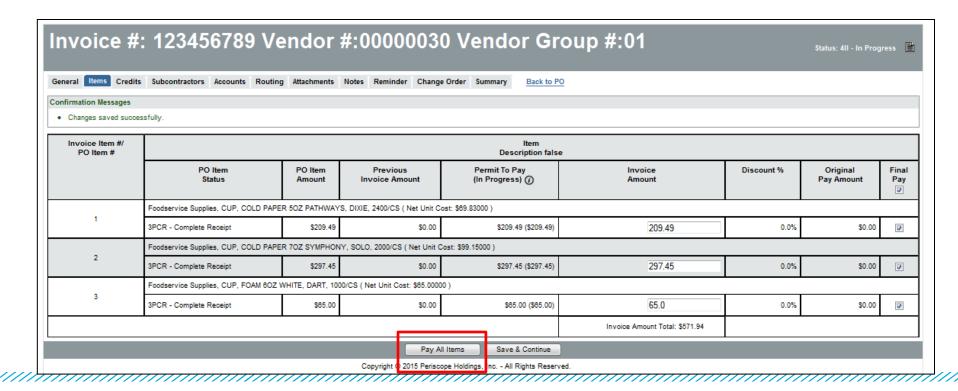




Creating an Invoice

Here we have entered our dollar amounts and checked "Final Pay" for each item.

Click "Pay All Items."







Submit Invoice for Approval

We can now submit the **Invoice** for approval. The invoice creator at this point in the process does not have to be a MMARS user, but the invoice approver does.

| em Information | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| voice Item #/PO Item #: 1 Foodser | rice Supplies, CUP, COLD PAPER 50Z PATHWAYS, DIXIE | E, 2400/CS (Net Unit Cost: | \$69.83000) | | | | | | |
| PO Item Status | Permit To Pay (In Progress) ① | Invoice Amount | Discount % | Original Pay Amount | Final Pay | | | | |
| 3PCR - Complete Receipt | \$209.49 (\$209.49) | \$209.49 | 0.0% | \$0.00 | Yes | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Invoice Item #/PO Item #: 2 Foodservice Supplies, CUP, COLD PAPER 70Z SYMPHONY, SOLO, 2000/CS (Net Unit Cost: \$99.15000) | | | | | | | | | |
| PO Item Status | Permit To Pay (In Progress) () | Invoice Discount % Amount | | Original Pay Amount | Final Pay | | | | |
| 3PCR - Complete Receipt | \$297.45 (\$297.45) | \$297.45 | 0.0% | \$0.00 | Yes | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| voice Item #/PO Item #: 3 Foodser | rice Supplies, CUP, FOAM 60Z WHITE, DART, 1000/CS (| Net Unit Cost: \$85.00000) | | | | | | | |
| PO Item Status | Permit To Pay (In Progress) () | Invoice Amount | Discount % | Original Pay Amount | Final Pay | | | | |
| 3PCR - Complete Receipt | \$85.00 (\$85.00) | \$85.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 | Yes | | | | |
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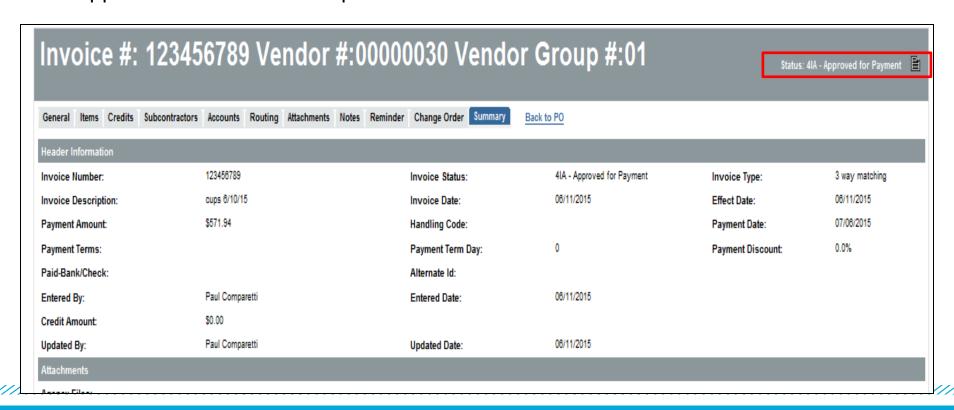


Approved for Payment

Once approved, the **Invoice** is approved for payment.

When we send the approval for payment, another final approval will be required.

This approver must be an AP Supervisor and MMARS user.





Reminder: Mapping Roles to Process



COMMBUYS/MMARS Linkage Points

| FUNCTION | COMMBUYS Role | MMARS Role |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Provides final approval for orders | Department Access, BP User, or BP Supervisor set up as approvers | Encumbrance |
| Records receipt of goods/services | Department Access or Basic Purchaser | N/A |
| Prepare payment requests (Invoices) | Accounts Payable User | N/A |
| Approves Payment to Vendors | Accounts Payable Supervisor | Payment |

Agencies should start now to review your MMARS and COMMBUYS user populations with the following in mind:

- Determining the group of people that will be final approvers for orders in COMMBUYS, and ensuring that they are MMARS encumbrance users. Most agencies probably have some COMMBUYS BP Users or BP Supervisors with the necessary MMARS access for encumbering.
- Determining who will need to be added to COMMBUYS as an AP Supervisor. Current MMARS payment users who will approve invoices in COMMBUYS will need to be set up as AP Supervisors in COMMBUYS.



Mapping Roles to Process



Set-Up Reminders for OAs

COMMBUYS Organization Administrators will need to make sure that:

For PURCHASING

- Purchasing approvers who will apply final approval to POs have valid MMARS encumbrance user access:
- There is an Encumbrance Approval path into which all other purchasing approval paths lead; and
- Purchasing approvers with required MMARS encumbrance permissions are assigned to the Encumbrance Approval path.

For PAYMENTS

- AP Supervisors have valid MMARS payment user permissions;
- There is a Payments Approval path into which all payment approval paths lead;
- Payment approvers with required MMARS AP permissions are assigned to the Payment Approval path.
- NOTE: The option to centralize the AP Supervisor role is under discussion





"Matching" Items During Receiving

Question: Should purchasers use two-way or three-way matching in COMMBUYS?

Answer: COMMBUYS enables both "two-way" and "three-way" matching of information during the receiving process.

- In a two-way matching process, quantity and amount on the vendor invoice are matched to the quantity and amount on the corresponding purchase order.
- In a three-way matching, a vendor invoice is matched to the corresponding purchase order for quantity and amount and to receiving information.

All Statewide Contracts are set up for three-way matching and so purchasers should plan to do three-way matching on all SWC orders.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

Guidance regarding two- and three-way match on for Departmental MBPOs is under development.

Policy Implications:





MBPOs for Draw Down Encumbrances

Question: How can purchasers create an encumbrance with one vendor to set aside funds for use over a span of time, and then "draw down" those funds in a series of orders?

Answer: OSD is working to develop a means to enable this business functionality in COMMBUYS. The goal is to enable a solution that works for a range of contract and catalog types, including punch-out catalogs.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

Choosing the best way to customize existing COMMBUYS documents to support this business function.

Policy Implications:





Open Orders

Question: Will Open Orders be included in COMMBUYS?

Answer: No. Open Orders will remain MMARS-only transactions as they are today.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

TBD

Policy Implication:

There are ongoing policy discussions on requirements for recording open order purchases in COMMBUYS.





RPAs (Request for Payment Authorization)

Question: What purchases should be handled with an RPA in COMMBUYS?

Answer: RPAs are intended to capture purchasing transactions after the fact for purchases that cannot be handled in a standard fashion. Once the good or service is procured, departments would process either an RPA Release against an existing MBPO, or an "Open Market" RPA to process and record such purchases after the fact.

Four business cases for RPAs:

- Emergency Purchases; Off-Contract (example: snow-melters) Open Market RPA
- Emergency Purchases; On-Contract (example: emergency roadside repairs) Release RPA
- Normal PO Process Impractical (ex: final cost not known); On-Contract (example: fuel) Release RPA
- Out of Policy Purchases If purchases are made outside of COMMBUYS that should have been made through COMMBUYS, those purchases can still be recorded using an RPA type transaction.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

OSD will prepare additional guidance regarding RPA rollout schedule and how Departments can set up RPA-enabled Departmental MBPOs.

Policy Implication:





Roll-up of Order Details

Issue:

Convey order information to MMARS for encumbering and payment without flooding the accounting system with purchasing detail.

Answer:

Commodity lines on COMMBUYS Purchase Orders that are MMARS PC transactions (i.e., goods) will be rolled up as part of the interface to MMARS for encumbrances and payments. CT transactions will not roll up.

COMMBUYS users will be able to review order detail in COMMBUYS. In addition, the COMMBUYS business intelligence reporting tool will provide users the ability to download and analyze purchasing data.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

OSD will provide updated user guidance about the roll-up and how data will appear in MMARS.

Policy Implication:





Recurring Payments (RPOs)

Question:

Will purchases that involve recurring payments (example: leases) be captured in a COMMBUYS transaction?

Answer:

No. RPOs will remain a MMARS transaction. Procurement for appropriate goods or services should proceed normally in COMMBUYS, with bid and award posted online, and an MBPO created but NOT sent to MMARS. In MMARS, RPO and payment schedule will be set up as usual.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

OSD will determine the means by which "sourceable" spend for goods and services under OSD's purview will be reflected in COMMBUYS so that spending on those goods and services is captured.

Policy Implication:





Grant-Posting

Question:

What are the options for enabling potential applicants to find grant opportunities in COMMBUYS without being registered vendors in COMMBUYS?

Answer:

Upcoming enhancements to the public search function will make it easier for applicants to find grant opportunities. Bid and PO Type will be added to the public search options so that users might select "Grant" from a bid type list and search for all currently posted grant opportunities. If Departments require online application submission, the respondents will need to register as a Vendor in order to respond online in COMMBUYS. A grant-specific commodity code to facilitate registration and notification is under development and scheduled for deployment in August.

Note: Adhering to existing policy regarding posting grant opportunities and publishing selected grantees in COMMBUYS does not require that grant applicants be registered COMMUYS vendors.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

OSD is evaluating whether it is feasible to assign a unique code, like UNSPSC, to facilitate grant posting notifications.

Policy Implication:





Print Form Improvements

Question:

What are the options for including additional detail, such a delivery instructions, on order printouts?

Answer:

OSD is evaluating options to utilize available system functionality to enable purchasers to include more order detail and clarity on the PO print form. A recommendation is due in mid-July.

In the meantime, purchasers and vendors fulfilling orders may use the Print Screen function on the online Purchase Order to print and view the full detail that has been included in the PO.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

OSD is developing guidance on best practices for addresses.

Policy Implication:





Open and Rolling Contract Enrollment

Question:

Is it possible to have a bidding process that allows for rolling and open enrollment on MBPOs?

Answer:

The ability to support open and rolling enrollment is a requirement of COMMBUYS going forward. OSD is working to determine the best approach for implementing this capability. This functionality will be available in September.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

OSD will provide specific instructions through procurement training.

Policy Implication:

Guidance on the purpose of rolling and open enrollment, and how and when it should be used will be published in advance of the function being available.





Bid and PO Type Search

Question:

Is there an easier way to find grant postings, or see what vendors are on Statewide contracts?

Answer:

Yes. OSD will implement some enhancements to the public search capability to address both of these question. Users will be able to search by PO and Bid Type in the public search.

- For grants, users would select "Grant" from the "Bid Type" drop down list to search for grant postings
- For statewide contract vendors, users would select "Statewide Contract" from the "Bid Type" drop down, and then could add the vendor name as part for the advanced search screen. The results will show each statewide contract the vendor was awarded.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

OSD will provide a schedule and updated user guidance for the search enhancements.

Policy Implication:

None





Pend and Overridable Status Errors

Question:

How will COMMBUYS users know that a transaction initiated in COMMBUYS is in "pend" or "reject" status in MMARS, and how will they be notified as it moved to subsequent statuses?

Answer:

COMMBUYS users will received a message that their transaction is in pend or reject status at the time they submit it. MMARS workflow will route the issue for review and resolution to the appropriate MMARS user. The document will be locked in COMMBUYS until the transaction is final in MMARS.

Outstanding Issues/Questions:

Solution under development about how to notify COMMBUYS users that the issue has been resolved and update the status on and unlock the document in COMMBUYS.

Policy Implication:



Training Schedule



July and August

| Training Class | Schedule |
|---|---|
| Receiving Training - Webinar | 7/13: 10:00A – 11:00A or 1:00P – 2:00P |
| | 7/14: 10:00A – 11:00A or 1:00P – 2:00P 7/16: 1:00 P – 2:00P or 3:00P – 4:00P |
| Organizational Administrator – Gap Training for | 7/20: 10: 00A – 11:00A or 2:30P – 3:30P |
| Experienced OAs - Webinar | 7/22: 10:00A – 11:00A or 2:00P – 3:00P |
| | 7/24: 10:00A – 11:00A or 2:00P – 3:00P |
| Organizational Administrator Training | 8/06: 9:00A – 4:30P OSD, Congress Street |
| | 8/12: 9:00A – 4:30P OSD, Congress Street |
| | 8/18: 9:00A – 4:30P OSD, Congress Street |
| Purchasing – Gap Training for Experienced | 8/04: 9:00A – 12:00P or 1:00P – 4:00P |
| Purchasers including Encumbering | 8/11: 9:00A – 12:00P or 1:00P – 4:00P |
| | 8/19: 9:00A – 12:00P or 1:00P – 4:00P |
| | Location for above: OSD, Congress Street |
| Accounts Payable Training | A/P webinars during mid-July |
| | Hands-on ILT at the beginning of August |



Calendar Update



Liaison Meeting/Training Coordination

We've done our best to offer training on Liaison Meeting days where it is practical to do so.

| Liaison Meeting | Training Option |
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| Security Liaisons only – Org Admins and DSOs Thursday, July 9 from 9:30-11:30 am One Ashburton Place, 10 th Floor, Conf. Rm. B | Afternoon Org Admin "gap" training One Congress Street training room 1:00-3:00 pm |
| Security Liaisons only – Org Admins and DSOs Thursday, July 16 from 9:30-11:30 am One Congress Street, 11 Floor, Training Room | Afternoon Org Admin "gap" training One Congress Street training room 1:00-3:00 pm |
| All-Liaison Meeting Thursday, July 23 from 2-4 pm One Ashburton Place, 21 st Floor, Rooms 1 | No training available – All-OSD Staff Meeting in the a.m. |
| | July 13 through August and beyond: Focus on training for OAs, Purchasers, AP users |
| All-Liaison Meeting - Pre-Go Live Check-in Tuesday, August 25 th from 9:30-11:30 am One Ashburton Place, 21 st Floor, Rooms 1-3 | Afternoon training option TBD. |



Readiness Review

Liaison Resources

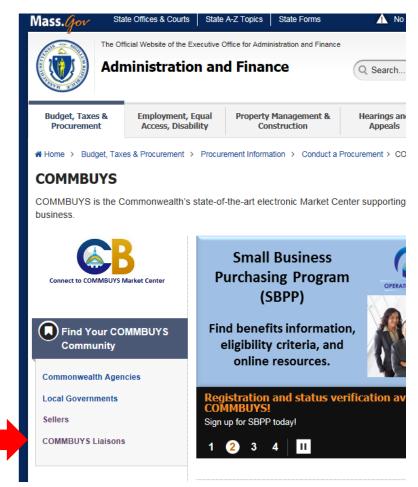
Dedicated Liaison Web Page

We've created a web page dedicated to providing Liaisons access to meeting presentations, meeting recordings, and links to Liaison Updates sent through Constant Contact.

From the OSD main page, select "Learn About COMMBUYS" under OSD Programs, then select "COMMBUYS Liaisons" under "Find Your COMMBUYS Community."

Or simply click: http://www.mass.gov/anf/budget-taxesand-procurement/procurement-info-and-res/conduct-aprocurement/commbuys/resources-for-all-commbuysliaisons.html





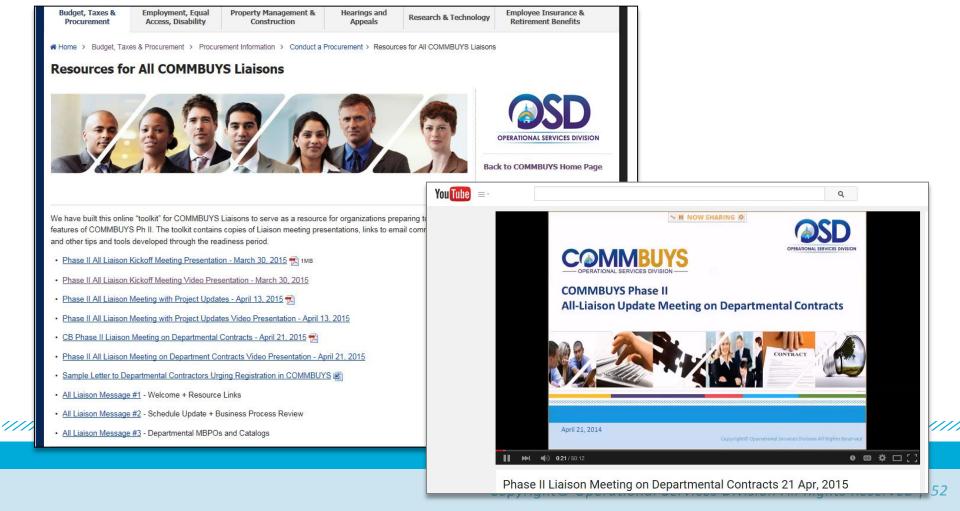


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Links to Presentations, Emails, and Meeting Recordings

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